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Attachment 5

**To:** Ronny J. Coleman, Chairman  
Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee  
c/o State Fire Training

**From:** Randy Collins, Director Fire Technology, Santa Rosa Junior College

**Subject/Agenda Action Item:** Fire Prevention I Prerequisite for Command 1A

**Recommended Actions:** Approve the Removal of Prevention I as a Prerequisite for Command 1A

**Background Information:**

At the October 17, 2014 STEAC meeting, there was discussion related to the Prevention I prerequisite for the new Command 1A course. In that discussion, it was shared that Santa Rosa Junior College has experience decreased enrollment in the Command 1A course including cancellations. The predominate reason being the large number of Volunteer Firefighters in the county who have been unable to enroll because they do not meet the prerequisite. This has been compounded by the fact that for the vast majority, their single goal is to enhance their tactical command skills rather than obtain their Company Officer Certification. The matter warranted enough concern that the Sonoma County Fire Training Officers adopted a resolution at their September meeting asking for it be removed.

Since the October 17, 2014 STEAC meeting, the issue was discussed amongst the Sonoma County Fire Chief's Association at their September meeting with their support added to the request. Similarly, unanimous support to do so was made by the California Fire Tech Directors Association at their September meeting.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

Due to the concerns stated above related to this prerequisite it is being requested that Prevention 1 be removed as a prerequisite for the new Command 1A course.